

### Reason and Belief: The Case for G-d

September 12, 2021 - January 9, 2022



This class is aimed at providing a logical approach to the existence of G-d. Via four types of rationale and logical reasoning, this class will discuss in four segments (teleological, moral, cosmological, and historical), the understanding of "proofs" of G-d and the alignment between Judaism and science.

### Live webinar classes

Sunday mornings, 10:30 - 11:30 am ET



Tuition: \$700.00 Instructor: Meir Freund



## The World of Jewish Storytelling

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From Bubba Meises to Midrash, the tradition of Jewish storytelling is a thread that connects the diversity of Jewish communities with images that teach values, observance, history, and folklore. Listen to, learn, and tell stories to explore the many ways Jewish stories can be used whether at home, at school, or at work.

Students who complete this course will be eligible to take JST 105 for college credit.

### Live webinar classes

Sunday mornings, 10:30 - 11:30 am ET



Tuition: \$700.00

Instructor: Gerald Feirst

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Pictured above: Bruce David, *Taking Flight*, GiClée, 51" x 36"



# Jewish Geography Understanding World Jewish Communities

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**High School Juniors and Seniors Can Earn 3 College Credits** 



In this course students will explore the history and cultures of a variety of world Jewish communities including the Sephardic and Mizrachi communities, the Jews of Yemen, Ethiopia, Kaifeng China and more. We will hear their music, see their artifacts and taste the foods that have enriched the Jewish world.

Students who complete JST 007 or JST 009 will be eligible to take this course for college credit.

### Live webinar classes

Sunday mornings, 9:30 - 10:30 am ET



Noncredit Tuition: \$700.00 College Credit Tuition: \$900.00

Instructor: Dina Maiben



# Civil Discourse **Disagreeing Without Being Disagreeable**

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Differences of opinion, argument, debate, and the exchange of ideas are all part of a healthy democracy or any civil society. The rabbinic tradition within Judaism is founded on debate and intellectual exchange, but the rabbis were keenly aware that when political or religious discourse become purely polemic in nature or turn into personal attacks, civil society become decidedly uncivil and the social fabric begins to fray. To combat the uncivil tendencies that can destroy intellectual discourse, the rabbis established a set of ethical guidelines regarding speech and legitimate argumentation. In this course we will explore the ethics of language and civic discourse, applying these rabbinic teachings to current religious and political disputes.

#### Live webinar classes

Sunday mornings, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm ET



Noncredit Tuition: \$700.00 College Credit Tuition: \$900.00

Instructor: Dina Maiben



## Judaism and Christianity

September 13, 2021 - January 10, 2022

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Judaism and Christianity are two of the world's major religions. Many individuals are familiar with one of these religions or the other—but generally do not consider the relationship that exists between Judaism and Christianity. In the first century, Christianity developed out of Judaism, and for many years, Christians saw themselves as Jews. Because of this shared heritage, in which Judaism serves as the root of Christianity, the two religions have much in common. This course will seek to go back in time to see the foundations of Judaism and the foundations of Christianity—acknowledging what these two faiths have in common and how they can learn from one another.

#### Live webinar classes

Monday evenings, 7:00 - 8:00 pm ET



Noncredit Tuition: \$700.00 College Credit Tuition: \$900.00

Instructor: Jason Hensley



### Private Online Piano Lessons

Fall 2021 Semester



Students will learn the art of playing piano tailored to their individual interests, needs, goals, and readiness. Lessons will take place for a 50-minute contact hour, remotely via Zoom platform. All lessons are completely private and customized [as opposed to "class piano" style]. Time and day of all lessons will be determined individually. Detailed and dedicated care is given to each student correlating to above stated goals. Parents and students alike are welcome to contact and communicate with the professor any time of the day or week.

**10 weeks of private online piano lessons** Based on your schedule



Tuition: \$750.00

Instructor: Bettina Muehlenbeck



### Antisemitism and the Modern Jewish Experience

September 15, 2021 - January 12, 2022

**High School Juniors and Seniors Can Earn 3 College Credits** 



Antisemitism has marked the Jewish experience throughout history. From ancient tropes accusing Jews of being inhuman and bloodthirsty to modern delegitimization of the State of Israel and microaggressions against Jewish individuals, antisemitism has been a deciding factor in how Jews present, choices we make, and relationships we build. This course combines history, current events, and self-discovery, using the reality of antisemitism as a lens for exploring Jewish choices, questions of self esteem, and personal practices. Learners will have the chance to explore questions of allyship, what it means to be a minority, and what it means to stand up to antisemitism on your own terms, while maintaining and embracing joy in the Jewish experience.

### Live webinar classes

Wednesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:00 pm ET



Noncredit Tuition: \$700.00 College Credit Tuition: \$900.00

Instructor:

Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath



# Dynamics of Education

September 12, 2021 - January 9, 2022

**High School Juniors and Seniors Can Earn 3 College Credits** 



Teaching is many things: an art and a skill; an opportunity and a responsibility; a challenge and a reward. Successful teaching requires patience, purpose and preparation. Successful teaching, in the short term and over the course of a career, requires the development of the skills and sensitivity necessary for reflective practice and continuing personal growth. This course will provide an introduction to that world, and to some strategies that will help you to help your students - and you – to learn.

Students who complete EDU 002 will be eligible to take this course for college credit. This course is also required for the Rebecca Gratz Teaching Certificate.

#### Live webinar classes

Sunday evenings, 7:30 - 8:30 pm ET



Noncredit Tuition: \$700.00 College Credit Tuition: \$900.00

Instructor: Rhonda Wittlin



### Jews and Sports? Let's Talk About It

September 12, 2021 - January 9, 2022



In this course we will discuss famous Jewish athletes, varied Jewish views on the value of sports, including the ways that immigrant Jews in the last two centuries used popular sports to help them gain a foothold in American society as opposed to those who took a stand to uphold specific Jewish practices when sports participation came into conflict with Jewish observance. We will also explore the way that sports can be a reflection of society as well as the ways that important sports figures are using their platforms to make the world a better place.



Tuition: \$700.00

Instructor: Rhonda Wittlin

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### Live webinar classes

Sunday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30 pm ET



# Foundation of Human Rights

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This course prepares students with the basic knowledge and understanding of human rights. Through experiential activities and the integration of multimedia students will be able process complex human rights topics and will be able to articulate with language commonly used in the human rights field. Each lesson, or cluster of lessons, includes project-based outcomes. Examples include a Declaration of the Rights of Teenagers (the UDHR lessons), and a Truth and Reconciliation plan (Gacaca courts lesson).

### Live webinar classes

Wednesday evenings, 6:00 - 7:00 pm ET



Noncredit Tuition: \$700.00 College Credit Tuition: \$900.00

Instructor: Elana Haviv

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ABOVE: UN Photo I A group of Japanese women look at the Universal Declaration of Human Rights during a visit to the UN's interim headquarters in Lake Success in February 1950



# From Armenia to the Yazides The Holocaust and Other Genocides

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**High School Juniors and Seniors Can Earn 3 College Credits** 



This course is designed to raise student awareness of genocide and mass atrocities providing them the opportunity to engage with lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides and the relationship of genocide to human rights. After exploring the evolution of the word genocide, students will use testimony, memoir, and scholarly works to examine the causes of genocide and mass atrociites. This course also aims to honor the phrase "Never Again" and students will create an opportunity to advocate for the prevention of genocide in their school or home community. No prior knowledge is needed; however, a willingness to grapple with these difficult histories is required.

### Live webinar classes

Sunday evenings, 7:00 - 8:00 pm ET



Noncredit Tuition: \$700.00 College Credit Tuition: \$900.00 Instructors: Christi Yoder, MA and Colleen Simon, MA



## **Hebrew & Yiddish Languages**



#### **HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT: \$995.00**

Earn world language credit for your high school by taking our modern Hebrew language classes. Three levels of our 30-week classes are offered this year.

Level 1 Beginners Sec 1: Monday 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Sec 2: Tuesday 8:00-9:00 p.m.

Level 2 Advanced Beginners: Thursday 8:00-9:00 p.m. Level 5 Advanced (Ideal for Day School graduates): TBD

### **NON-CREDIT PREPARATORY: \$275.00**

**Mekhinah Hebrew:** This non-credit course introduces students to basic Hebrew decoding (phonetic reading) and is designed for students who have no prior experience in formal Hebrew study. Students complete four on-line modules, each of which is followed by an individual appointment with the instructor. In as short a period of time as two weeks, students will learn the Hebrew alphabet and master basic reading skills.

### **COLLEGE CREDIT:** \$900.00

15-week semester courses

Modern Hebrew I:

Mon. & Thurs., 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Modern Hebrew III:

Mon. & Thurs., 8:00-9:30 p.m.

Biblical Hebrew: Tues., 8:00-9:30 p.m. Yiddish I: Tues. & Thurs., 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Yiddish III: Mon. & Wed., 7:00-8:30 p.m.



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